

HENRY TAYLOR.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 392.]

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MARCH 19, 1860.

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Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Taylor, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

That Henry Taylor was a sergeant in a company of light-horse, commanded by Captain Herman Camp, of New York, and was in service in the war of 1812, and was present at the battle of Queenston, on the 13th October, 1812. The battle took place on Queenston Heights, in Canada. As the light-horse had no way to cross the river, their services as light-horse were not needed. The petitioner, however, as a good soldier, volunteered to assist a squad of men to manage the firing of a heavy piece of artillery. Being near the cannon, the often report of the same injured his ears, causing severe pain and deafness, from which he had never recovered or improved, as to deafness.

The above facts are well established by the testimony of two surgeons, certified to be highly respectable in their profession; the deposition of his captain, Herman Camp, the depositions of several of his companions in arms, and who were present with him on the day of the battle, and heard him complain of pain and deafness on that day, and who had known him intimately since that day, and had at all times noticed the deafness complained of.

The character of the petitioner for truth and veracity, as to his own statement of his own case, is supported by the depositions of two ex-members of Congress, one first judge of the county, one Rev. D. D., and six or eight highly respectable witnesses, all of whom had known him from thirty-five to fifty years, making sixteen witnesses or depositions in support of the truth of the allegations. It is further in proof that the petitioner's family, father, mother, brothers, or sisters, are not inclined to deafness.

The committee report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

